(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has informed that computerised settlement system has already been introduced in the clearing houses at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Madras and New Delhi. Reserve Bank of India has a programme for computerised clearing at Calcutta, Hyderabad and Kanpur clearing houses also.

Insofar as opening of new clearing houses are concerned, there is no specific programme as such with Reserve Bank of India for opening new clearing houses. These are, however, opened as and when a need is felt to have a clearing house at a particular centre.

Filling up of vacancies in NTC Subsidiaries

1123. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of subsidiaries of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi are functioning without any Chief Executive or Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to appoint competent persons to the above posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) In the case of one subsidiary, the CMD has resigned w.e.f. 31-8-1985. CMDs of two other subsidiaries have proceeded on leave. Resignation by one of them is under consideration. The other has proceeded on leave till his retirement.

(c) Names already on the select panel are being considered for appointment. Further, the Public Enterprises Selection Board has recently invited applications for preparation of a new panel.

Looting of Banks

1124. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the banks in Delhi where incidents of looting took place so far during 1985;

(b) the amount of money involved in each case;

(c) the number of persons so far apprehended; and

(d) what steps are being taken to strengthen security measures in banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information, as reported by public sector banks and Delhi Police regarding bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in Delhi during the year 1985 involving public sector banks, the amount involved in each case and the number of persons apprehended is given in the Statement.

(d) The Working Group on security arrangements, which was set up by Government under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary (Economic Affairs), had recommended several measures to strengthen existing security arrangements in banks. The report of the Working Group was forwarded to 28 public sector banks for implementing the recommendations made by the Group. Banks have been implementing the measures recommended by the Working Group in a phased manner for providing greater security arrangements for branches. The progress achieved in making security arrangements is reviewed by banks" boards and Chief Executives

A meeting of the local heads of public sector banks in Delhi was convened by the Government on 7-10-85 to discuss the question of strengthening the security arrangements in banks' branches in Delhi. Advice, as below, was reiterated:

(1) to observe weekly off days in branches coinciding with the closing day of the market in the area;

(2) each branch should have an armed security guard;

(3) each bank branch should have a collapsible gate properly chained and locked at the entrance;

(4) there should be self-locking wire meshed cabins for Cashiers;

(5) proper alarm system should be maintained and the alarm should not be feeble but a loud one; and

(6) there should be periodical checking of security arrangements by senior officials of the banks.

Statement

Bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in Delhi so far during the year 1985 as reported by public sector Banks and Delhi Police

(Data Provisional)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank and branch	Date of occurrance	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of persons apprehended
1	State Bank of India (Evening Branch), Greater Kailash, Delhi Circle, Delhi	14-3-85	4·19	..
2	Union Bank of India, Anand Niketan Branch, Delhi	4-3-85	0·45	..
3	Bank of India, New Friends Colony, New Delhi	21-5-85	Nil	..
4	Vijaya Bank, Chandni Chowk, Delhi	4-6-85	Nil	1
5	New Bank of India, Masjid Moth, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi	10-7-85	3·02	..
6	Bank of India, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi	21-8-85	4·19	..
7	Indian Bank, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi	4-10-85	2-88	..

Computerisation of Employment Exchanges

1125. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to computerise the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to consider and introduce computerisation of Employment Exchanges, so that the National Employment Service equips itself to provide high quality of service to the job-seekesr and employers, in keeping with the emerging demands of the development process. A few States and Union Territories have taken steps towards computerisation of Employment Exchange operations on a very selective basic.

A scheme for central assistance to States for this purpose and the details thereof is under consideration.

Abolition of Sales Tax

1126. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 regarding abolition of sales tax on certain commodities and state:

(a) whether the Traders Association of India headed by Shri Gupta has demanded the abolition of sales tax levy;